

2010 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2010

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

3b. GSA Committee No.

22795

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/17/2008

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/17/2010

7. Expected Term Date

07/17/2010

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

22 U.S.C. 2656

8c. Actual Term Date

07/17/2010

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

22 U.S.C. 2656

13. Effective Date

07/27/1789

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplished its purpose by holding meetings and preparing reports and recommendations to the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership was balanced on the bases of disability, gender, race, ethnicity, age, and areas of expertise and experience and points of view.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 2 Estimated Total Meetings - 8 As of the time of this update, 5 meetings had been held: Aug. 15, 2005, February 6, 2006, May 1, 2006, May 2, 2007 and August 13, 2008. The Committee was subsequently allowed to terminate when its charter expired on July 17, 2010.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee was necessary to ensure the appropriate consideration of issues related to persons with disabilities in the foreign policy and foreign assistance of the United States Government, especially in light of the fact that, on July 30, 2009, the U.S. signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The decision was made to allow the Committee to terminate in part because of resource, in particular staffing, constraints. Upon further analysis it appeared that increased and more meaningful outreach to civil society could be achieved through alternative consultation mechanisms, which would facilitate input to the State Department from a broader range of disabled people's organizations and other disability stakeholders.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

There was no requirement that meetings be closed. However, sometimes the Committee had one-on-one meetings with the Secretary.

21. Remarks

Costs were entered for the committee's travel in FY 2009 to DC to be introduced to the Secretary of State. This was not characterized as a meeting of the Advisory committee. The last meeting was held in August 2008. In the spring of 2009 two members of the Advisory Committee resigned and then a third resigned in June 2009. A Federal Register Notice was published in July 2009 requesting people who were interested in being

appointed to send in their resumes for consideration by the Secretary's Office. Before new Committee members were selected, the decision was made to allow the Committee to terminate when its Charter expired on 7/17/2010. The decision was made to allow the Committee to terminate in part because of resource, in particular staffing, constraints. Upon further analysis it appeared that increased and more meaningful outreach to civil society could be achieved through alternative consultation mechanisms, which would facilitate input to the State Department from a broader range of disabled people's organizations and other disability stakeholders.

Designated Federal Officer

Heumann Judith Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Horton, Vail	01/05/2004	06/26/2010	CEO, Keen Mobility	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kemp, John	01/05/2004	06/26/2010	Attorney, Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, P.C.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Linden, Albert	01/05/2004	06/26/2010	Adjutant, Disabled American Veterans Department of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ortoleva, Stephanie	01/27/2006	06/26/2010	U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor, Foreign Affairs Officer	Ex Officio Member
Register, John	01/05/2004	06/26/2010	Manager, U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Academy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vermillion, James	10/01/2006	06/15/2010	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

The Committee was mandated to provide advice and guidance to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development on how to improve consideration of issues related to persons with disabilities in foreign relations and foreign assistance of the United States.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other



Outcome Comments

The Committee worked to improve the impact of U.S. foreign policy and foreign assistance to persons with disabilities around the world and increase the profile of disability-related issues within the U.S. Department of State and in the U.S. Agency for International Development.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

9

Number of Recommendations Comments

- Develop and implement a public diplomacy initiative on the U.S. position on the UN Convention on the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities;
- Sign the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Increase the Participation of Disabled People's Organizations in Foreign Policy and Foreign Assistance Programs by reviewing implementation of existing policies at USAID and by establishing such policies at the Department of State;
- Increase the employment of persons with disabilities at the Department of State by establishing a reasonable accommodation policy and procedure and increasing recruitment of persons with disabilities;
- Improve accessibility of Department of State facilities in the U.S. and abroad; and
- Improve the coverage of disability-related human rights issues in Department of State Human Rights Reports;
- Use sports diplomacy to achieve peace and promote human rights;
- Assess implementation of

the recommendations of the National Council on Disability.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NA